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REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-17, 20 and 28-33 have been allowed.¹ Claims 21 and 25-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). Claims 22-24 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 5, 18-19 were cancelled in Applicants' previously-filed response.² Applicants have cancelled claim 22 and amended claims 21 and 23-24 in the present paper. Claims 1-4, 6-17, 20-21 and 23-33 remain pending. The Examiner's claim rejections and objections are addressed below. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 21 and 25-27 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,698,869 to Yoshimi et al. In the instant Office Action, the Examiner has taken the position that the eight dislocations depicted in FIG. 7 of Yoshimi et al. may be divided into an upper group of four and a lower group of four, and that those two groups are somehow non-parallel in space. Applicants still believe that no matter how one stacks it, there is simply no showing in Yoshimi et al. of two non-parallel dislocation regions crossing the same junction.

Applicants have amended claim 21 to include therein the subject matter of now-cancelled claim 22, and claims 23 and 24 to change the dependency thereof to claim 21. On this basis, claims 21, 23-27 are now allowable.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that claims 21 and 23-27 are patentable and respectfully request that a Notice of Allowability issue in due course for those and the previously allowed claims.

Miscellaneous

The Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-0365, Order No. AMDI:115\HON.

¹Appreciation is expressed for the allowance of claims 1-4, 6, 14-17, 20 and 28-33.

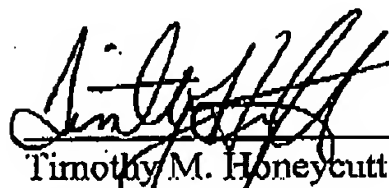
²Response to the Office Action Mailed September 25, 2003, filed on October 9, 2003.

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